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1.UPON RECEIVING REFERENCE CABLE, KLDO CONTACTS A. RAHIM, M/CUSTOMS AND J. LIEW, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, POLICE WERE CONTACTED RE IAA CONFERENCE. BOTH STATED MINISTRY OF LAW WOULD HAVE TO GIVE APPROVAL. ACCORDINGLY, MOHAMED JARJIS, DIRECTOR, CENTRAL NARCOTICS BUREAU WAS CONTACTED TO INTERCEDE WITH THE MINISTER OF LAW. JARJIS WAS LESS THAN ENTHUSIASTIC CONCERNING SUBJECT CONFERENCE. SPECIFICALLY UNCLASSIFIED

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HE STATED FOLLOWING QUESTIONS MUST BE ANSWERED PRIOR TO BRIEFING THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND FOREIGN MINISTRY.

A. WHICH COUNTRIES WILL BE INVITED TO SEND PARTICIPATNS? HOW MANY OBSERVERS, AND FROM WHICH COUNTRIES, WILL ATTEND? (OBSERVERS MEANING NON IAA MEMBERS).

B. WHAT ARE OBJECTIVES OF THIS CONFERENCE.

C. DURATION AND PROPOSED AGENDA OF CONFERENCE.

D. WHAT IS THE RELATIONSHIP OF IAA CONFERENCE AND THAT OF ASEAN MEETING OF DRUG EXPERTS (A YEARLY CONFERENCE LAST HELD 26 TO 28 OCT 76 IN SINGAPORE) AND IAA CONFERENCE AND UNITED NTAIONS MEETING OPERATIONAL HEADS OF NATIONAL NARCOTICS LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, FAR EAST REGION (YEARLY MEETING LAST HELD 14-19 NOVEMBER 76 IN MALILA).

E. HAS DEA CONTACTED THE U.N. AND ASEAN TO INSURE MEETINGS DO NOT CONFLICT IN OBJECTIVE OR TIME FRAME.

F. HOW WILL DEA HANDLE PUBLICITY FOR THIS CONFERENCE. SPECIFICALLY IF NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES NOT INVITED/DO NOT ATTEND COULD IT LEAD TO LIAISON PROBLEMS.

G. THE QUESTION WAS ALSO REAISED WHETHER THIS CONFERENCE IS MERELY A SOCIAL CONVENTION OR IF SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES WILL BE REACHED.

- 2. JARJIS STATED THAT IF THESE QUESTIONS ARE ANSWERED IN A SATISFACTORY MANNER HE(JARJIS) COULD BRIEF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AND MINISTER OF LAW. AT THAT TIME JARJIS FELT THE U.S. EMBASSY WOULD HAVE TO WRITE TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY PROPOSING THIS CONFERENCE.
- 3. THROUGHOUT THE MEETING JARJIS CONSISTENTLY MENTIONED THE UN AND ASEAN MEETING AS BEING, IN HIS OPINION, SUFFICIENT TO UNCLASSIFIED

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4. IT IS THE KLDO'S OPINION THAT IF THESE QUESTIONS ARE
ANSWERED, THERE WILL BE A CONSIDERABLE LENGTH OF TIME BEFORE
CONCURRENCE IS GIVEN BY THE MALAYSIAN GOVERNMENT. THE REAL
PROBLEM WILL BE WHY THE US GOVERNMENT IS WILLING TO PAY FOR THE
TRAVEL OF POLICE OFFICERS OF OTHER COUNTRIES TO ATTEND A
CONFERENCE THAT CANNOT MAKE ANY DECISIONS CONCERNING INTERNATIONAL
COOPERATION. ALTHOUGH SAIC POWERS SPENT MORE THAN ONE HOUR
WITH JARJIS ATTEMPTING TO BRIEF JARJIS ON THE BENEFITS OF
THE IAA, THE RESULTS WERE SOME WHAT DISCOURAGING.

5. DUE TO THE LIMITED MATERIAL CONCERNING THE IAA IN THE KLDO IT IS FELT THAT BEFORE CONCURRENCE WILL BE GRANTED BY THE GOM EITHER SUFFIENT MATERIAL OR AN ADVANCE PARTY WILL BE NECESSARY TO CONVEY THE ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS AND OTHER WHICH WILL ARISE IN FUTURE BRIEFINGS CONCERNING THE IAA. DILLON

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